**Topic:** Did Peter and Paul preach the same doctrine?

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**Introduction:** Bring up the topic of the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul and one will most often be informed that the two apostles preached the same message: gospel and associated doctrines. Some defending the position may admit that the two apostles used different words but that they meant the same truth.

Dr. C. I. Scofield wrote in the King James Bible edited by him in his introduction to “The Epistles of Paul” (page 1189, Old Scofield Study Bible), “…Paul originates nothing but unfolds everything…” which is to reduce Paul to a mere presenter of details. Such an assertion renders as meaningless Paul’s use of the word “mystery”, a prime example of which is 1Corinthians 2:7-8:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

It then comes down to the individual Bible student who is willing to rightly divide the Scriptures to decide if Peter and Paul preached the same message, or whether Peter, and the rest of the apostles preached a message wholly different to the one preached by Paul, the apostle of and to the Gentiles.

**Study:**

Jesus

Instructed Peter who taught: Instructed Paul who taught:

“…God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy “…the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the

prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:21b revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret

since the world began.” Romans 16:25b

Peter/the 12 Apostles preached:

Where will Peter and the Apostles be seated? Matthew 18:1, 15, 19 Luke 22:29-30

Where was Peter instructed to expect the coming Kingdom?

Matthew 6:10

Where was Peter told his authority would reside; from where would his authority come? Matthew 16:19

What was the condition for the 12 to be the friends of Jesus?

John 15:14

What did Jesus command the multitude and the 12 concerning what their religious leaders taught?

Matthew 23:1-3

Paul preached:

Where will the Body of Christ be seated?

Ephesians 2:4-6

Where is the citizenship of the BoC?

Philippians 3:17, 20-21

Where will the BoC exercise authority?

1Corinthians 6:2-3

How are members of the BoC joined to Christ?

2Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 2:10

How did Paul instruct the BoC concerning the Law?

Romans 6:14, Galatians 3:1-3, Colossians 2:13-14

How were the 12 taught to obtain forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14-15

What needed to be done for “remission of sins” and receiving the Holy Ghost?

Acts 2:38

Who were considered “dogs” by Jesus? Matthew 7:6, 15:24-27

With what did John the Baptist baptize and for what purpose?

Matthew 3:2, 11

To whom were Peter and the apostles to “go”, to who were they not to “go”?

Matthew 10:5-6

What were the 12 instructed by the resurrected Jesus to “teach”?

Matthew 28:20, Acts 11:19

To whom did the resurrected Jesus give authority to forgive, or not forgive sins?

John 20:19-23

What did the 12 see to confirm the identity of Jesus?

John 20:20, 24-28 (Zechariah 12:10, 13:6)

What did the 12 need to do to obtain salvation?

Matthew 10:22What did Paul teach the BoC concerning forgiveness? Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13

How does the BoC obtain “forgiveness of sins” and the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 1:1, 7, 13, 14

How does Paul refer to the BoC?

Ephesians 2:13, Philippians 2:14-15, 4:1

How is the BoC baptized?

1Corinthians 12:12-13, Romans 6:1-4, Colossians 2:11-12

To who was Paul sent?

Acts 9:13-16

What did Paul instruct to “teach”?

1Timothy 1:2-4, 9, 2Timothy 1:13 & 2:2, 7

By whom is the BoC mediated before God?

2Corinthians 5:18, 1Timothy 2:3-5

What will the BoC hear that will confirm the identity of Jesus?

1Thessalonians 4:16-17

What did Paul preach necessary to receive salvation?

1Corinthians 15:1-4